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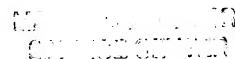
In re Application of: )  
Agnes LABIGNE et al. )  
Application No.: 08/211,312 ) Group Art Unit: 1817  
Filed: July 1, 1994 ) Examiner: N.M. MINNIFIELD  
For: GENES OF HELICOBACTER PYLORI )  
NECESSARY FOR THE REGULATION )  
AND MATURATION OF UREASE AND )  
THEIR USE )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 1997 (Paper No. 20). The period for filing this response has been extended three months, up to and including February 12, 1998, by Petition filed concurrently herewith, accompanied by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c). Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-17, 20-36, and 46-51 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 40, 54, and 60 as follows:

140. (Amended) A purified polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of at least one of the polypeptides selected from the group consisting of UreE, UreF, UreG, UreH, [and] UreI, as shown in Figure 4 (SEQ. ID NOS: 4-7 and 3, respectively), and immunogenic fragments [or a fragment] thereof.

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